Questions to Mrs. Oge, EPA for the Environment report of DaimlerChrysler

1. How does EPA view the potential U.S. market for clean diesel PCs and LDTs (in comparison to Europe where the Diesel has reached a 50% market share on new registrations)?

Do you believe it is helpful in the U.S. market to distinguish new clean diesel models from the traditional diesel vehicle?

2. How do you evaluate the cooperation between EPA and the Mercedes Car Group particularly in terms of the ongoing regulatory development for clean diesel? Has, to you knowledge, there been a cooperative effort to work through both technical and regulatory issues to achieve improved emissions and fuel economy performance? If yes, has this effort, in your judgement, been fruitful and supportive for both parties?

Do you have any recommendations for improvements in the future?

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